The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
July 21, 2000

The Force was with you!

Thanks to all who contributed to the successful opening of **Star Wars: The Magic of Myth.** As a direct result of your hard work, including a flood of press, marketing, and development efforts, tickets for opening weekend sold out! On opening day, we were visited by a group of well dressed fans: several Stormtroopers, an unusually tall Jawa, Obi-wan Kenobi, Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, and a very young Queen Amidala.

Lucasfilm Ltd. and The Smithsonian Institution Travelling Exhibition Service, our collaborators on the project, were pleased and impressed by the quality of the installation, and the professionalism of our staff.

Let's raise our light sabers to the people who made it happen:

Exhibit Designer: Robert Weiglein • **Production Supervisor:** Paul Brunsvold • **Graphic Designer:** David Quednau • **Lighting Designer:** Thatcher "Trigg" Waller • **Exhibit Production:** Bruce Heimbach, Rudy Garcia, David Mendez, Brian Dettmer, Ashley Golden, Kara Verges, Steve Lalk, Amanda Flood • **Exhibit Detailer:** Eric Manabat • **Lighting installation:** Abe Bloom, Bob McClennan • **Invitations and additional graphics:** Amanda Reeves, Danielle Kiefer, John Petreikis • **Conservation:** Christine Sinno • **Exhibits Administration:** Jeanelle De La Paz

Institutional Advancement: Anne Haskel, Cynthia Winship, Jennifer Kerr, Janet Young, Heather Scott, Amanda Geppert, Paul Baker, Susan Webb and all who contributed to opening week events • **Special Events:** Alan Smetana, Rachel Polutnik, Ellen Nugent • **Public Relations:** Pat Kremer, Nancy O'Shea, Carolyn Byrne, John Lotenero and the entire staff • **Education:** Erica Kelly, John Frazier, Beth Crownover, Kathleen Donofrio, Beth Adams, Mark DeNardo, Vickei Fisher, Mark Larson, Connie Sulkin, Encarnacion Teruel • **Marketing:** Melissa Hilton, Cheryl Bardoe • **General Counsel:** Felisia Wesson

Public Services: Diane White and Jacqueline Benitez • **Protection Services:** Jeff Hawkins, Miriam Alleyne and the entire staff • **Visitor Services:** Tracy Walker, Cody Lassen, Damita Webster and the entire staff • **Audio/Visual:** Ron Hall, Mentee Teah, Keith Avery • **Auxiliary Services:** Laura Sadler and Suka Malone • **Photography:** Mark Widhalm • Thanks also to: **FP&O, Human Resources, Housekeeping and Exhibits Maintenance**

And our Star Wars contractors:
The Event Network (Star Wars Store) and Antenna Audio

CONGRATULATIONS, EVERYONE!

Submitted by Robin Groesbeck

FIELD NOTES

Week of July 24

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo Class
- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m. , Ground Floor
- Thursday, 5 p.m. , Ground Floor

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m., Special Events

Public/Campus Events

Star Wars: The Magic of Myth
- Exhibit continues

Field Nights
- Thursday, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Voight returns from international symposia

Janet Voight, associate curator of zoology, recently returned from two international scientific symposia held in a two week period in two comparatively nearby locations. The first was devoted to the unique group of biologists who study animals in the least understood habitat on earth. Held only every three years, the ninth Deep-Sea Biology Symposium was held this year at the National University of Ireland in Galway. This symposium allows these biologist adventurers to talk to each other, discuss the results of new technologies and share fresh insights.

Western Ireland is expanding its presence in deep-sea biology through several projects funded at the Martin Ryan Institute of Ocean Sciences, where Anthony Grehan, Janet's co-author on the recently published report on brooding deep-sea octopuses, is based. Voight's oral presentation reported her work concerning unsuspected diversity in the feeding habitats of deep-sea octopus, the morphometrics of the beak relative to body size and whether this character suite offers insight into the phylogeny of shell-crushing in octopuses at depths of 1500 meters.

The second international symposium in which Voight participated was the Cephalopod International Advisory Council event. This international group, originally organized to heighten interest in cephalopod commercial fisheries, is the single organizing committee for cephalopod biologists. This, the largest meeting CIAC has sponsored to date with nearly 170 participants, may reflect the phenomenal growth of cephalopod fisheries, including squids, cuttlefish and octopus. An example is the fisheries for coastal squids in the US which totals an estimated $63 million a year. This meeting, entitled "Cephalopod Biomass and Production" was hosted by the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Like the deep-sea biology meeting, CIAC hosts one meeting every three years.

Voight gave one of only 37 oral presentations at this conference; the other 185 presentations were made in poster format. Her contribution, titled "Deep-sea octopus density as it relates to life history, physical habitat and prey" reported how deep-sea octopuses illustrate seemingly anomalous distributions in reference to productivity and the ramifications of their distributions in terms of gene flow and evolution. In addition, she participated in a two-day workshop on deep-sea cirrate octopods held at the University of Aberdeen prior to the symposium and showed a highlight videotape of octopuses filmed by the submersible ALVIN at depths of over 2600 meters. The latter opportunity was unique, as perhaps only a group of cephalopod biologists would agree that the tape qualified for the designation of "highlights."

Despite the convenience and cost-effectiveness of having these meetings within a few hundred miles of each other in subsequent weeks, this seems to have been a one-time event. In 2003, the cephalopod symposium will be held in February in Phuket, Thailand and the deep-sea biologists will meet in October in Harbor Branch, Florida.

Thanks for the bake sale!

Many thanks to all who helped make the Geology department's benefit bake sale for Suzy Slominski a success. Special thanks to Marjorie Pannell for the brainstorm, to everyone who stood over a hot oven, and especially to Sue Sturgeon, whose effort and organizational skills made the benefit happen. Never have so many people worked so hard to get me out of town. With deepest gratitude,

Submitted by Suzy Slominski

Chicago Wilderness/Mighty Acorns Program Continues to Grow!

In January 1998, through a generous grant from the Grand Victoria Foundation, The Nature Conservancy and The Field Museum launched an expansion of the Chicago Wilderness/Mighty Acorns Program. Since its 1993 conception by the Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, the program has grown from two partners in Cook County involving 2,500 children annually to 19 partners in six counties involving 65 schools and 6,000 children annually. New partners for 2000 include the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center, McHenry County Conservation District, and Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Mighty Acorns Program aims to reach under-served, urban 4th – 6th grade students and foster a personal connection and appreciation for Chicagoland's biodiversity. Students participate in yearlong educational exploration of natural areas, hands-on stewardship projects, and other direct experiences in the prairies, woodlands, and wetlands.

Through ECP, The Field Museum has taken the leadership role in the collective effort by coordinating and training to build partner capacity, continue expansion, and evaluate the program's educational progress. Recently, Grand Victoria Foundation awarded the program its third year of funding to focus on establishing and maintaining independence beyond the life of the grant.

This summer 70 students from the six Chicagoland counties will be attending a Mighty Acorns Nature Camp at the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center. The week long camp gives students an opportunity to use knowledge gained from the school year and transfer the stewardship experiences to a new environment.

Submitted by **Sara Fretzin**

EXHIBITS

Check out the new exhibit in the Marae Gallery!

There's an interesting new exhibition in the Marae Gallery called Urban Anthropology: The Photographic Explorations of CITY 2000. CITY 2000 is an ambitious year long project focused on documenting life in Chicago during the year 2000. For the Marae Gallery project, CITY 2000 teamed up with our Exhibits department and a few of our anthropologists to develop an exhibition specifically for The Field Museum.

Many thanks to the following staff for their work on this project:

Exhibition designer:	Eric Manabat
Graphic designer:	Danielle Kiefer
Interns:	Ben and Thomas
Copy editor:	Theresa Biancheri
Production:	Michael Paha, Matthew Metzger
Print shop:	John Petreikis
Lighting:	Abe Bloom, Bob McClennan
Conservation:	Christine Sinno
Anthropology/CCUC:	Alaka Wali, Anne Underhill, Madeleine Tudor
Wayfinding:	Cheryl Bardoe
The folks at CITY 2000:	Rich Cahan, Shashi Caudill, Ken Burkhardt, Jessica Royer and Terri Boyd
Exhibits Administration:	Jeanelle De La Paz

Submitted by **Robin Groesbeck**

PROTECTION SERVICES

Promotions announced

Two staff members of the Protection Services Department were recently promoted to lead officer positions.

Karlyn Morris-Gary was promoted to lead officer of the Access Control Office. In this position Karlyn will be responsible for the day-to-day operation for keys, I.D. badges and card access. Karlyn may be reached at extension 7982.

Al Spencer has been promoted to lead officer of the Shipping Security area overseeing the day-to-day operation of that area. Al may be reached at extension 7983. Both lead officers report to Division Manager **Miriam Alleyne.**

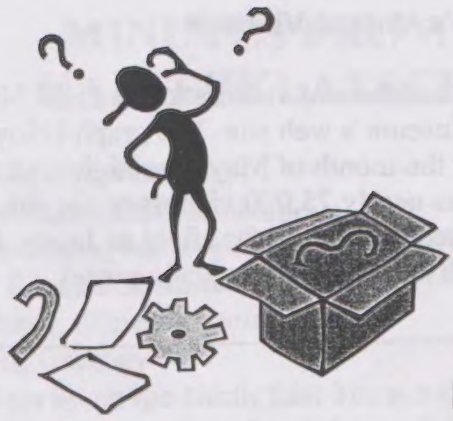
Submitted by **Jeffrey Hawkins**

After her 22 outstanding years with The Field Museum, the Division of Invertebrates is bidding **Margaret Baker** a fond farewell. Her contributions are numerous, her accomplishments are great and her presence will be sorely missed. She's good people!

So please join us in giving her a Going Away Party to remember!

Date:	Wednesday, July 26th
Time:	3 PM
Place:	the Zoology classroom
Bring:	your coffee cup

Snacks & drinks will be served, but please feel free to bring anything you like. Call Janeen or Sherry at ext. 7724 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



MOVING AGAIN!!

The **Finance Department** will be moving to Hall 3 on Thursday, July 20th. Hall 3 is located directly behind Corner Bakery, next to Stairwell 2 (the stairs are next to Fishes on the ground floor). Please use the stairwell to access their department, rather than making a path through Corner Bakery.

For more information about the Finance Department, contact Kim Greene at x 7249.

CIO Bill Barnett is also moving on Thursday, July 20th to the 3rd Floor. His new office is just left of the freight elevator.

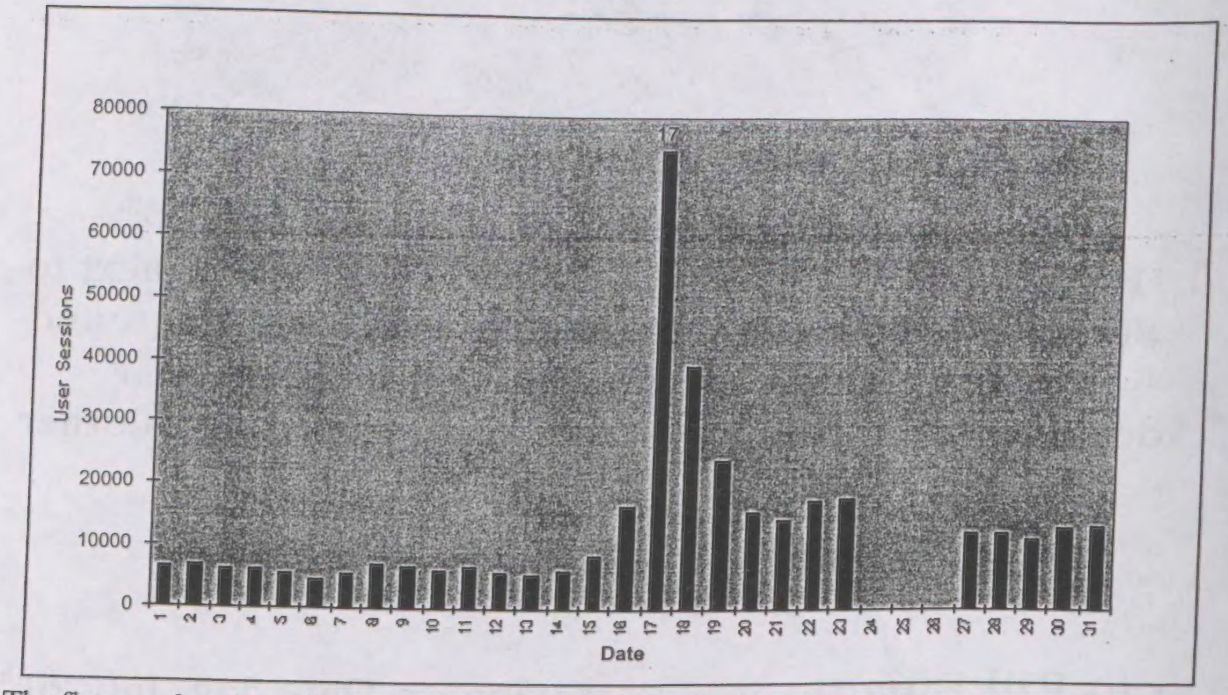
For more information about the CIO's office, contact Adonya Collins at x 7958.

Julie Brubaker and Sarah Personette from the Finance and Administration Department have moved and are located outside of Hall 3 (see Finance Dept).

For more information about Finance and Administration, contact Julie Baker at x 7241.

Sue's Virtual Visitors

As well as generating unprecedented numbers of visitors to the Field Museum, Sue is also breaking records for the Field Museum's web site. The graph below shows the number of visitors to the web site for the month of May. The high peak corresponds to Wednesday 17th of May and represents nearly 75,000 visitors to the site. While the majority of visitors were US-based, people from as far afield as Japan, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand also visited the web site during the opening week.



The figures also show that daily traffic to the Field Museum web site has doubled following the unveiling of Sue, and has remained at an average of around 10,000 visitors per day through June. The Sue web site is the result of months of work from Lori Breslauer, Allyson Meyer, Dennis Villagracia and Rebecca Reeves. See the Sue web site at http://www.fmnh.org/sue

Peter Lang, Web Publishing Department x. 7808

MINUTES FROM JULY 2000
KAFFEEKLATSCH MEETING

Marilyn Martinson, Human Resources:

- Welcome to the new Kaffeeklatsch members:
  Elisa Aguilar-Kutza, Anthropology
  Julie Baker, Finance & Administration
  Kassandra Astor, Museum Stores
  Peter Wagner, Geology
- There will be a tent set up on the North East Terrace during Downtown Thursday Nights. The tent will be open until 9:00 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase and there will be no cover charge for Staff.

Elisa Aguilar-Kutza, Anthropology:

- Dorren Martin-Ross is the new Registrar in Anthropology.
- John Rogers will be leaving the Museum to pursue his PhD studies at Temple University in Pennsylvania.
- *Question:* Is there information for Intern Housing?
  Response: Sam Burns in Human Resources will work on developing a reference list of short term housing options for Staff and Interns.

Joanna Surveyor, Human Resources:

- The Kaffeeklatsch Suggestion Box will be moved to the Mail Room. An additional box will be placed near the North Elevator on the 3rd floor.
- Merit Increases were posted on the 7/14/00 paychecks.
- **Upcoming Events**

	Date	**Contact**
Staff/Volunteer/Intern Volleyball	July 24th	Maria Burns x7274/Bill Haggerty x7278
Chase Race	August 3rd	Maria Burnsx7274/Sam Burns x7271
Staff Overnight	September 15th	Maria Burns x7274/Sam Burns x7271
2000 Holiday Fest	December 13th	Maria Burns x7274

Carter O'Brien, Geology:

- The Geology Lab is now fully staffed.
- John Flynn and Bill Simpson will be doing field work in Madagascar from Mid July to Mid August.
- Olivier Rieppel will be traveling around the world to conduct research for 3 months, July-September.
- *Question:* Can the Park District put down wood chips on the "shortcut" on the South side of the Museum?
  Response: This issue has previously been addressed with the Park District. The issue will again be raised to the Park District.

Maria Burns, Human Resources:

- Staff/Volunteer/Intern Volleyball, July 24th, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
  There will be a trolley at the South Entrance at 4:30 pm. The trolley will take individuals to North Avenue Beach, transportation will not be provided going back to the Museum. Food will be served the entire time. 3 nets will be set up and teams will be decided at that time for those who would like to play.

Maria Stevens, Development:

- Annual Fund Telemarketing Campaign- came to an end on July 17th. The Campaign was successful
- Annual Fund Direct Mail-dropped in the mail the last week of May to 100,000 prospects.
- Women's Board-preparations are well underway for the Annual Ball, October 20th, featured exhibit w be Kremlin Gold.
- Don Cooke's calendar is available to view on the intranet. Please contact Maria Glover-Stevens if yo would like to schedule an appointment.

Question: Is there a written protocol that staff can follow when dealing with Trustees? Is there a Trustee ID or Family Pass that would aid Staff in identifying Trustees?

Response: There is currently no written protocol for staff to follow when dealing with Trustees. Nancy DeDakis will look into the possibility of ID's and Family Passes for Trustees

Chris Ochoa, Security Services:

- The lock for the bike cage in shipping has been repaired. Shipping personnel have the key for the bik cage. The card swipe is no longer available for the bike cage. **The bike cage is for <u>daily</u> storage on** Staff, Volunteers and Interns who wish to store their bikes on a daily basis must register their bike wit the Shipping Office in order to receive their own key to access the cage. Bikes that have not been removed from the bike cage will be disposed of, please watch the Natural News for information as it becomes available.
- Protection Services will host an Open House on July 25th from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Refreshments will b served.

Nancy DeDakis, General Counsel:

- The 2nd edition of the Trustee Directory will be distributed in the near future.
- September 18th is the next Board of Trustees Meeting.

Cynthia Gulley, Membership:

- The Membership Department is fully staffed.
- Members Previews for Star Wars are Sold Out. The dates for the Star Wars Member's Previews are as follows:

July 13th	8:30 am-3:30 pm
July 14th	8:30 am-4:30 pm
July 21st	5:00 pm-10:00 pm
July 23rd	5:00 pm-10:00 pm

*a fifth preview date is being scheduled and will be announced when finalized.

- There are approximately 35,000 Field Museum Members.
- *Question:* Are there workshops that frontline people could attend to assist in training how to handl the public and deal with difficult people/situations and defuse problems?

Response: Human Resources is currently looking at training programs.

Kaffeeklatsch serves as an advisory group to the Administration about issues of a Museum-wide nature. Topics for discussion are generated by the Chair or any Kaffeeklatsch member. Membership is composed of 14 rotating representatives and a representative of the Personnel Committee. Members are selected from each administrative area. Each member serves a term of two years.

If you have any suggestions/comments, please submit them in the suggestion box in the Mail Room.

PUBLIC SERVICES & PROTECTION SERVICES

Open House

Come join us in dedicating our new administrative and operational offices!

We will be serving beverages and sweets for your enjoyment.

Tuesday, July 25, 2000
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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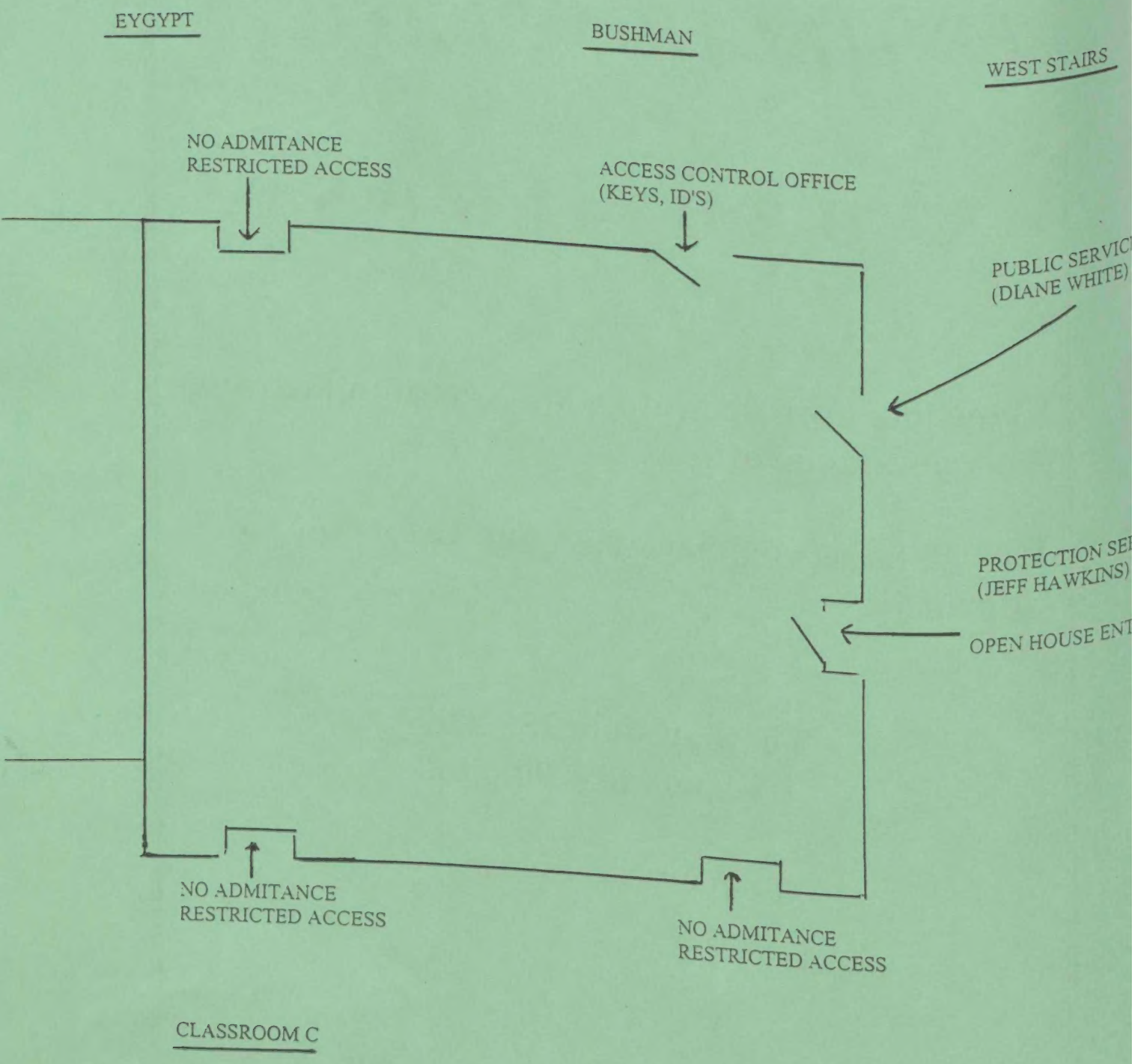
Diane White &
Jeff Hawkins

PUBLIC SERVICES OFFICES



PROTECTION SERVICES OFFICES

Many congratulations, some hellos, and few good-byes in the Exhibitions Department:

ADMINISTRATION
Corrie Coughlin, title change to Budget Assistant 1

EXHIBITION DESIGN
GOOD-BYE to Abe Bloom, Lighting Technician
Michael Burns, title change to Manager, Exhibition Design
Eric Manabat, title change to Detailer/Designer
Robert McLennon, title change to Lighting Technician
Thatcher Waller, title change to Lighting & Audio-Visual Designer and Technical Supervisor

GRAPHIC DESIGN
Jean Cattell, title change to Manager, Graphic Design
Danielle Kiefer, promotion to Graphic Designer 2
John Petreikis, promotion to Senior Shop Supervisor
Amanda Reeves, promotion to Graphic Designer 2
WELCOME, Maggie Robertson, Graphic Designer 1 (x7076)

PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
WELCOME Patrick Bradley, Exhibition Preparator I (x7330)
Paul Brunsvold, promotion to Production Supervisor 2
Nel Fetherling, promotion to Production Supervisor 2
Amanda Flood, promotion to Exhibition Preparator 2
Steve Furnett promotion to Senior Shop Supervisor
Matthew Groves, promotion to Senior Shop Supervisor
David Hanke, promotion to Crew Leader (for outgoing Traveling Exhibitions)
Steve Lalik, promotion to Exhibition Preparator 2
Kent Peaslee, promotion to Production Supervisor 2
Donna Tocci, promotion to Exhibition Preparator 2
Robert Tolnai promotion to Exhibition Preparator 2
Hilary Verni, promotion to Exhibition Preparator 2
Steve Villano, promotion to Crew Leader

TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS
David Foster, title change to Project Administrator, Temporary Exhibitions
Robin Groesbeck, title change to Project Administrator, Temporary Exhibitions
Ariel Orlov, title change to Project Administrator, Temporary Exhibitions
WELCOME Marlene Rothacker, Project Administrator, Temporary Exhibitions (x7331)

EXHIBITION DEVELOPMENT
WELCOME Barbara Becker, Lead Developer, Biodiversity (x7415)
WELCOME Teresa Biancheri, Exhibition Developer/Writer (x7360)
WELCOME Cheryl Braunstein, Exhibition Developer, Biodiversity (x7412)
GOOD-BYE Kara Deniston, Administrative Assistant 3
WELCOME Daisy Janeway, Administrative Assistant 3
Becky Margolin, promotion to Assistant Exhibition Developer II, Earth Sciences
Matt Matcuk, promotion to Lead Developer, Earth Sciences
GOOD-BYE Peter Stevenson, Exhibition Developer

And a BIG THANK YOU to our ADJUNCT STAFF in OTHER DEPARTMENTS
Christine Sinno, Assistant Conservator, Exhibitions
Christine Taylor, Collections Assistant for Exhibitions
Mentee Teah, Temporary Exhibitions A/V Technician

Exhibitions Department

Director of Exhibitions
Sophia Shaw

Administrative Assistant
Heather Akin

Manager, Graphic Design
Jean Cattell

Designers
Danielle Kiefer
Lance Kirsch
David Quednau
Amanda Reeves
Maggie Robertson
Dirk Urban
Lori Walsh

Graphics Shop Supervisor
John Petreikis

Manager, Exhibition Design
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David Layman
Teresa Murray
Robert Weiglein

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Eric Manabat

Lighting Design and Installation
Robert McLennan
Trigg Waller

Administrative Assistant for Design and Production
Jessica Newman

Manager, Production and Maintenance
Ray Leo

Maintenance Manager
Neil Keliher

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Paul Brunsvold
Nel Fetherling
Eric Frazer
Paula Horecny
Kent Peaslee
Susan Phillips

Shop Supervisors
Steve Furnett
Pam Gaible
John Zehren
Matthew Groves

Crew Leaders
George Chavez
Rudy Garcia
David Hanke
Bruce Heimbach
David Mendez
Michael Paha
Steve Villano

Manager, Projects Planning
Jaap Hoogstraten

Budget Assistant
Corrie Coughlin

Manager, Temporary Exhibitions
Abigail Sinwell

Project Administrators
David Foster
Robin Groesbeck
Ariel Orlov
Marlene Rothacker

Administrative Assistant
Jeanelle de la Paz

Manager, Exhibition Development
Francie Muraski-Stotz

Exhibition Developers
Barbara Becker
Theresa Biancheri
Cheryl Braunstein
Barbara Ceiga
Anamari Golf
Becky Margolin
Matt Matcuk
Shelley Ulrich

Administrative Assistant
Kara Deniston
Daisy Janeway (8/25)

Photo Research
Carol Parden

Volunteer
Alan Scheffner
Frank Yurco

Exhibition Production and Maintenance
Patrick Bradley, Brian Dettmer, Amanda Flood, Ashley Golden, Eric Himes
Tyler Keillor, Steve Lalik, John-Henry Marshall, Matt Metzger, Chris Sperry,
Donna Tocci, Robert Tolnai, Kara Verges, Hillary Verni

7/20/00

The Chase is On Yet Again!!

Who: All staff, interns and volunteers of the Museum are invited to participate.

What: The Chase Challenge is a 3.5-mile team road race open to employees of corporations, businesses, financial and non-profit institutions. The Chase Challenge has been held annually in Chicago since 1982.

When: Thursday, August 3, 2000. 6:45 p.m. Start Time

Where: Grant Park, corner of Columbus and Balbo

Why: The Chase Challenge is a fun way to socialize with others at the Museum. In addition, a portion of the proceeds supports a local project to benefit the sport of running and/or physical fitness.

Entry fees for all participants will be paid by the Museum. We will also be providing food and beverages for all Chase Challenge participants. **T-shirts are available to purchase through Human Resources to be worn at the race for $8.**

Department representatives have entry forms and information for all those interested in attending. They will also be taking T-shirt orders and collecting money for them. If you do not know who your department team leader is for the race, please contact Sam Burns in Human Resources at ext. 7271.

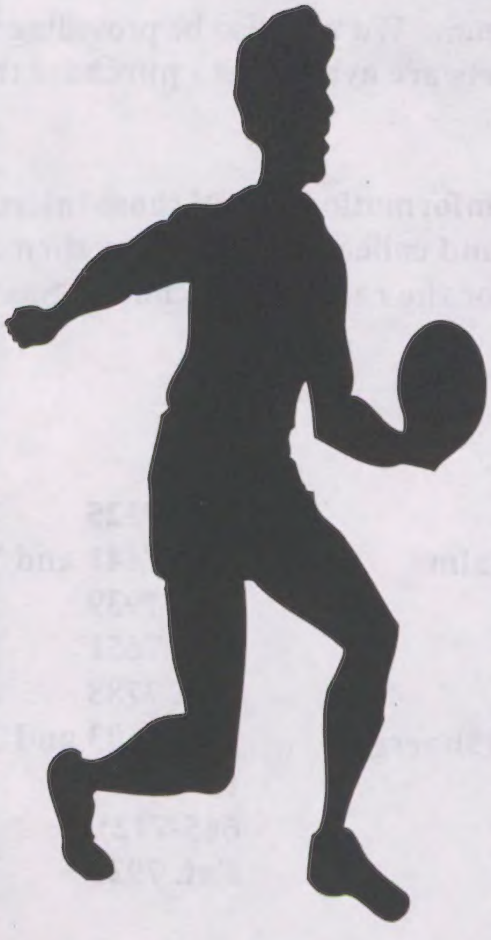
Team Leaders:

Exhibits:	**Heather Akin**	**Ext. 7325**
3rd Floor:	**Gretchen Baker and Mark Widhalm**	**Ext. 7441 and 7791**
Visitor Services:	**Cody Lassen**	**Ext. 7939**
Auxiliary Svcs:	**Suka Malone**	**Ext. 7651**
Inst. Adv.:	**Jennifer Kerr**	**Ext. 7788**
Education:	**Kathleen Donofrio and Andy Hershberger**	**Ext. 7503 and 7548**
Finance:	**Dana Brink**	**Ext. 7250**
Mus. Campus:	**Christina Breslow**	**665-7421**
Housekeeping:	**Debbie Kvapil**	**Ext. 7925**

Entry forms must be returned to Sam Burns in Human Resources **by Friday, July 21.**

Life's a Beach, But You Can Have a Ball

Beach Volleyball
Monday, July 24, 5-8 PM
North Ave Beach



All staff and interns are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Museum Beach Volleyball outing.

A Trolley will be leaving from the South Doors promptly at 4:45 taking everyone to North Ave.

Transportation at the end of the evening will not be provided by the Museum.

Please RSVP to Human Resources by Friday, July 21.